



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19 at 8 PM HADDONFIELD BOROUGH HALL

In two years, November 1989, the Historical Society will observe its 75th Anniversary. What kind will it be?

The choice is ours. The Historical Society is at a critical stage. We must decide the direction the Society is to take and we must act now.

For that reason the program planned for the November meeting will be us - the members. Instead of having a speaker address us, we, all the members present, will address some of the needs facing the Society. We will divide into small groups, each group to discuss among themselves ideas for solving one particular problem of immediate concern. At the end of a stated time, a spokesperson, chosen by the group, will present its findings.

It is hoped that out of these "brainstorming" sessions will come some practical suggestions which can be put into operation by the first of the year.

"That's fine," members may well think, "but what are we going to use to get these discussions going?" For a beginning, it is suggested we use the summary of present conditions and major goals prepared by the Long Range Planning Committee.

### THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting regularly for well over two years. Out of its deliberations has come: A revision of the bylaws, a restructuring of the Executive Council, and an Operations Manual, defining functions and assigning responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day management of the Society.

Chairman Joseph Hartel and immediate past president Douglas Rauschenberger have recently completed an analysis of the Society's strengths and weaknesses and suggested goals for the immediate future.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In our last bulletin we spoke about the Planning Committee and its work. This month we would like to say a word about our Education Committee. One of the important outreaches of the Haddonfield Historical Society is the educational program for local school children. Chairperson Diane Snodgrass and other young women members have served as "History Comes Alive" docents and for over five years have been providing enrichment programs for our local schools and scout groups. One of the programs, "Harvest Time," tells how foods were preserved in early days. Of particular interest is the fact that some of the preservation methods used in this demonstration were taken from a manuscript cookbook which is part of our Library collection. Another program covers maps of Haddonfield and there is also a musical program on flutes and recorders. Following is an indication of how much these programs are appreciated:

"Thank you for inviting us to Greenfield Hall. We enjoyed being there. We know it really wasn't fun in real life doing that kind of stuff but you made it sound like fun. We enjoyed stringing the apples, crushing the corn and visiting the herb garden. It was an interesting program. Thank you for such a wonderful time."

(Miss Hall's 4th Grade, Elizabeth Haddon School)

"We liked helping harvest the food. Thank you for telling us about the harvest time back then. The thing that came in and out of the stove was neat. We think the old recipe book was extraordinary. Especially the old library that it came out of. Thank you for showing us how it was in the olden days. We loved it!"

(Mrs. Nepp's 4th Grade, Elizabeth Haddon School)

Need we say more!!!

Our next meeting will be the yearly business meeting and election and we sincerely urge our members to be present. A letter was recently received from the Council of Proprietors of West New Jersey asking our help in locating descendants of the original proprietors. This Council was founded in 1688 and will celebrate its 300th Anniversary next year. Two name lists were enclosed with the letter. These lists will be available at the meeting for examination by our members so that the Council may be informed and invitations extended to any who claim ancestry.

The Society has a number of assets, among them the library and museum collections, Greenfield Hall headquarters, long tradition as a community organization, core of dedicated individuals in the Society, Education Committee's school programs, increase in income through rentals and special fund-raising events sponsored by the Women's Committee.

The Committee has identified problems or possible problems in several areas. There are preservation needs of the library and museum, adequate housing for the library collection and need to review one of the Society's primary functions - research and publication. There is the burden of properly maintaining the buildings, plantings and grounds.

In the area of communication the current organization structure needs to be more closely followed, with more outreach to the community, better staffing for the committees with better handling procedures for internal records.

Membership should be increased and new members involved.

Preservation should continue as a top priority.

In the area of finance we must develop a comprehensive plan with provision for better budgeting, starting an investment program, increasing revenues and the creation of an endowment fund.

We should also hire a part-time paid executive director.

How to accomplish some, or all, of these recommendations is what we shall be asking ourselves at the Annual Meeting on November 19. The Haddonfield Historical Society is OUR Society. Its future is in our hands. Let's turn the weaknesses into assets. Together, we can do it!

#### NOMINATIONS

President	Patricia Lennon
First Vice President	Margie Kanupke
Second Vice President	Vivian Stauder
Fourth Vice President	James Atkinson
Recording Secretary	Charlesanna Fallstick
Corresponding Secretary	Mickey Mack
Treasurer	Nancy Rauschenberger

Trustees for a three year term expiring in 1990

Sally Cooper, Albert Kernagis, Blair Murphy, Connie Reeves

The election of officers will take place at the November 19 Annual Meeting of the Society.

It hardly seems possible that it is time to "pass the gavel" to the capable hands of Pat Lennon. One is left with the wish that more might have been accomplished during the past year. However, the future Past President assures her continuing interest and help in the Society.

Mary C. Carll

#### NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee is proud to tell you we cleared around \$5,000 on our Fall Auction thanks to the wonderful job of Nancy Burroughs and her committee.

Now the women are looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar. We'll sell the ever popular Williamsburg Swags as well as plenty of fresh holly.

Our baked goods are especially fancy this time of year and our friends will have many gifts for your Christmas list.

All this is on December 5th from 10-3. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there!

Dorothy Sherrerd  
Chairperson

#### SPECIAL THANKS FROM NANCY BURROUGHS

"I couldn't have done it without you" said Nancy Burroughs as she praised the committee which worked on the Fall Auction. She also would like to thank all those who donated items and those who attended the auction and bought some of the treasures.

A happy holiday season to each and every member. Please send items for the next bulletin prior to January 15, 1988.

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